

Application No. 09/509,165

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first paragraph following the title, beginning at page 1, line 5 as follows:

This application is the U.S. national stage application corresponding to International Patent Application No. PCT/US98/20270, filed 28 September 1998, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of ~~pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/067,447, filed April 28, ~~1998~~, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,737,513, issued May 18, 2004), and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/939,107, filed September 26, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,498,015, issued December 24, 2002), and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/660,542, filed June 7, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,932,703, issued August 3, 1999), and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/558,658, filed November 16, 1995 (now abandoned), and a continuation-in-part of ~~pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/479,620, filed June 7, ~~1995~~. 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,790,947, issued September 14, 2004). All of these priority applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.